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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: NPIC White Paper

1. This memorandum contains recommendations submitted for Director of Central Intelligence approval. Such recommendations are contained in paragraph 6 of Attachment 1.

2. Pursuant to your request, we have prepared a White Paper on the National Photographic Interpretation Center (NPIC). This follows the outline submitted to you by Paul Borel at your 9 June staff meeting.

3. While my staff has not had the benefit of the Inspector General's findings, I am confident that the thrust of our report is in line with them.

4. The White Paper is intended to serve four important purposes:

a. To brief you on the background and issues concerning an important Community activity requiring immediate attention.

b. To lay the groundwork for a consideration by responsible Agency officials of the Inspector General's report which will be completed soon.

c. To provide the panel of expert consultants which you have asked [] to form with a point of departure for their review of NPIC (with particular emphasis on automation).

d. As an input to the long-range planning exercise currently under way.

5. Whatever benefits and changes in our plans may result from the study to be undertaken by the consultants, or any other group, they probably will not come in time to avert the necessity of making early decisions on our critical manpower problems.

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6. I invite your attention in particular to the attached Summary and Recommendations which I request you to approve. If, in the near future, we can confirm the basic concepts set forth in the NPIC White Paper I hope we can then proceed, in a systematic manner, to build up the capabilities needed to carry out our responsibilities.

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Deputy Director for Intelligence

Attachments: (2)

1. Summary and Recommendations
2. [REDACTED]

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The recommendations in paragraph 6 of Attachment 1 are APPROVED:

Director of Central Intelligence

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